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BRITISH GAIN NEAR BULLECCOURT

Second Phase of Spring Offensive Opens With Attack on Hindenburg Line, Where Strong German Positions Are Captured and Held Despite Strong Counter-Attacks--Haig Introduces New System of Artillery Fire--French Win All-Day Fight Near Chemin des Dames--Italians Enlarge Gains.

TORPEDOING OF THREE VESSELS STIRS SWEDEN

Hun Sinking of Grain-Laden Steamers "Deliberate and Bloody Crime."
TEN SAILORS MISSING
Vessels Had Been Released From British Ports Under Reciprocal Agreement.

Stockholm, via London, May 20.—News that the Swedish steamers Vesterland, Aspen and Viken, laden with grain from England, had been sunk by German submarines was received here late last night and caused much indignation.

BRITISH REPEL BULGARS ALONG STRUMA RIVER

Aviators Bomb Hostile Encampment Near Drama and Doiran.

TWO MEET DEATH IN RADIAL SMASH

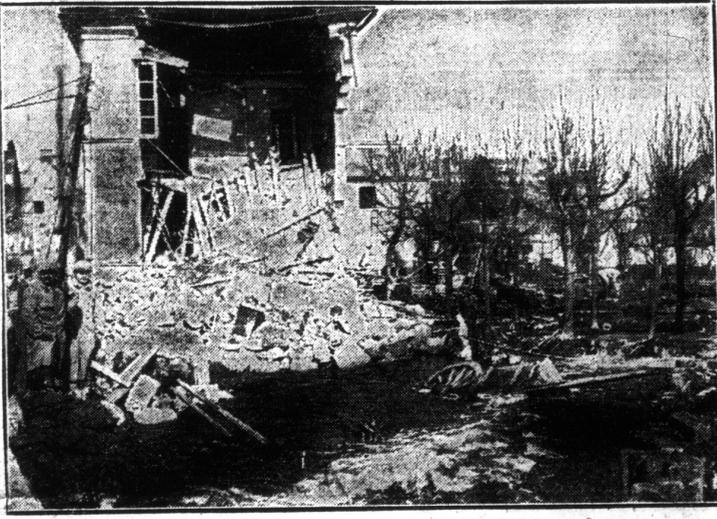
H. Parson and His Wife Killed in Collision.
H. Parson, a prominent hardware merchant of Orillia, and his wife, were the victims of a fatal accident yesterday morning about 9.45, when a Metropolitan car crashed into their motor at the Varney road crossing, between Roche's Point and Eastbourne.

FREE RUSSIANS WILL ORGANIZE TO FIGHT FOE

Petrograd Government Will Actively Support Allies, Consolidating Strength. TO END ARMISTICE
Country to Seek Union With Allied Democracies—No Separate Peace.

Petrograd, via London, May 20.—Prince Lvoff, the Russian premier, and M. Tereschenko, the newly appointed foreign minister, made long statements today on the recent crisis and the present situation in Russia.

MORE OF HINDENBURG'S LINE FALLS TO BRITISH ASSAULTS



Ruins of the bridge at the entrance to Pont l'Evêque, as the French found it after its destruction by the Germans before their retirement.

In Renewed Fighting, Sir Douglas Haig's Men Carry Further Section of Foe Defence Over Mile Wide, Near Bullecourt.

London, May 20.—"As a result of our early morning attack," says the official report from British headquarters in France tonight, "our troops established themselves in a further section of the Hindenburg line, on a front of over a mile between Fontaine-lez-Croisilles and Bullecourt.

FRENCH DEFEAT ONSET UNDER CROWN PRINCE

Ally's Prompt Counter-Fire Checks Formidable Attempt to Retake Chemin des Dames—Germans Lose Trenches.

Paris, May 20.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "On the Chemin-des-Dames the enemy artillery activity was violent from the middle of last night and again increased this morning from east of Hurlbuisle to the region north of Cerny. The Germans directed against our positions a drum-fire of heavy shells and asphyxiating projectiles, but under the power of our counter preparation, the general assault which they were ready to launch was abortive over the greater part of the front.

BIG RAILWAY LOBBY CONDUCTED AT CAPITAL

C.N.R. and G.T.P. Striving to Head-Off Nationalization Plan.

Ottawa, May 20.—Representatives of the C.N.R. and the G.T.P. are conducting a vigorous lobby in Ottawa against the proposal to nationalize these two railways, and they state that they are meeting with considerable success in the effort.

CANADA'S CONSCRIPTION PLAN TO FOLLOW BRITISH SYSTEM

All Males Between Ages of Eighteen and Forty to Enrol With Local Boards—No Class Specifically Exempted, But Farming and Essential Industries Will Not Suffer.

Ottawa, May 20.—The government's conscription measure will be introduced this week, probably on Friday. The cabinet sat all day Saturday working out the details of the bill.

BALFOUR IS LIKELY TO PAY TORONTO VISIT ON FRIDAY

He Will Address Commons and Senate Next Monday and Proceed From Ottawa to Montreal.

Ottawa, May 20.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour is expected to arrive in Ottawa on Saturday. He will probably be in Toronto on Friday.

ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT

Berlin, May 20.—Following an artillery drum fire of the strongest intensity, opened at daybreak today, British troops launched a series of attacks along the 15-mile Artois front between Achietville and Quant and south of the River Scarpe, says the official statement issued today by the German war office.

U-BOATS MASTERED BY BRITAIN'S NEW DEVICE

Ingenious and Daring Mode of Attack Promises to Terminate War Speedily—Food Economy Will Make Forced Rationing Unnecessary.

London, May 20.—Kennedy Jones, director of food economy, expressed the belief that the German submarines were beginning to be mastered, in an address delivered at Edinburgh last night on the necessity of economy in food consumption.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY IN GERMANY START PEACE MOVEMENT

Amsterdam, May 19, via London.—The Deutsche Kirchen Zeitung states that the Roman Catholic clergy of Germany has inaugurated a powerfully organized peace movement.

NEW ARTILLERY DODGE GREATLY WORRIES FOE

Field Marshal Haig Introduces New Scheme of Firing on Battlefield—First Stage of Offensive Ends.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent back during the night of May 16, the ruins of the village have been fairly quiet after a fortnight of some of the bitterest fighting of the war.

ATTACKED SPANISH TRAWLERS

Madrid, via Paris, May 20.—Fishermen who have arrived from Tabarica, on the Bay of Tunis, say that a submarine recently attacked a fleet of six boats, one of which was sunk. The crew was saved.

FRENCH TORPEDO BOATS DEFEAT HUN FLOTILLA

Enemy Retire at Full Speed After Early Morning Encounter.

COMEDIAN ENDS LIFE

New York, May 20.—Frederick Hobart Tyler, 59 years of age, character comedian, and for the last twelve years a member of Miss Maude Adams' company, committed suicide in a hotel here today.

DINEEN'S RACE WEEK HATS

Race week hats at Dineen's are superbly new English importations, Christy and Heath famous London hatters. Genuine Italian Borsalinos, in their newest styles and colors. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.